

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are presently active in this application, Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 having been amended and Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 15-17, 21, 25, 28, 31 and 32 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the Official Action Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 15-17, 21, 25, 28, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kay (U.S. Patent 6,021,266), and Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 have been amended to be in independent form and Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 15-17, 21, 25, 28, 31 and 32 have been canceled.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment canceling Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 15-17, 21, 25, 28, 31 and 32, and placing Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 in independent form, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present



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application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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